

Smithsonian Inst  
and out. W.  
Washington DC  
Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1856

Prof John Torrey

Dear Sir



I received your letter just before leaving Cleveland but have only within a day or two been able to look over the plants which you named.

I was aware that you had described the generic identity of the Sequoias of California, and read your article in Silliman's Journal at the time of its publication, but I was not aware that this identity had been made palpable to the eyes of others by figures. and Dr Gray said to me distinctly that good figures of the flowers of Sequoia gigantea were greatly to be desired, and specimens are waiting you at Cambridge

which Dr. Gray received from  
a California Correspondent which  
he thought would answer your  
purpose of illustration, and which  
he hoped to have the pleasure of  
showing you within a few days of  
the time I left him. That was  
why I suggested that a figure  
of the same flora of S. Georgia  
be prepared.

I left with Dr. Gray quite  
a number of things about which  
he wished to consult you. I  
will write him that since you  
are neither going to Cambridge  
or coming to Washington. they  
had better be sent directly to  
you. Among these was the  
collection of Drawings of Cal  
Plants by W. Kellogg.

If you are quite sure that  
you are not coming to Wash.  
summer. I should be glad to send

to you a part of a large collection  
of Californian plants which  
I have here, and which I promised  
myself the pleasure of looking over  
with you when you made your  
then contemplated visit.

You don't seem to have noticed  
the differences which exist between  
the Spraguea umbellata from Crater Lake  
Cascade Mts, and the specimen found  
at lower altitudes - I did not  
suppose it distinct, but the plant  
as it occurs at Mt. Combs, is of  
a nearly uniform greenish yellow -  
the flower stems upright, and the  
leaves acute. - So on the tubulars  
of the Columbia - At Crater Lake  
the plant is spread mat-like on  
the ground - no part rising an  
inch above the surface - the  
floral envelopes & flower stems & petioles  
purplish red. the leaves truncate &  
sometimes emarginate -



I have written W. T. Bigelow, but  
have as yet received no answer

W. Andrews. I promised me that  
he would send you a duplicate  
series of his Samoan Ferns. —

Have you received any sheets  
of Plant. Hartweg - since those  
buying down the numbers to 1936

How much can D. C. Proctorius  
be purchased for, and is there a copy  
for sale with your knowledge

Please make my compliments  
to Miss E. Tenny. if she is with you  
and welcome at your convenience

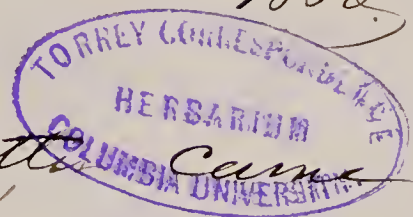
Yours. Very Respectfully

John S. Newberry

Chas. D.  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1857

Washington D C  
Dec. 25 1856

Dear Doctor



Your letter

as a Christmas present, this  
morning - for which I am  
as always for your letter  
greatly obliged to you -

I was not aware that  
Dr Gray intended Scolopus  
to be figured for our report  
as I understood him to say  
that Dr Bigelow had bought  
it in fact - The specimen  
contained in my collection was  
not collected by myself &  
and as I have written Dr Gray  
probably belonged to Samuel's  
Collection - If so it should  
be given to Bigelow or Samuel,  
if they desire it - If not of  
course we will publish it  
in our report, giving credit to

Bryden & Samuels. —

D. Gray has in his hands  
several other new things which  
I think he intends to have  
figured — One very curious  
thing from the Cascade Mts  
some what resembling a Monotropa  
from which D. G. intends to make  
a new genus I believe —

A new Gentiana, a Spheralcea  
possibly new, and several  
other things which he regarded  
as perhaps worth figuring —

I find from my memorandum  
that I left with him

Hulsea (nsp.)

Spheralcea 4

Echeveria "

New Gen. (Monotropeid plant)

Polygonum (nsp.)

Melittiza "

Gentiana 7

*Pentstemon gracilentus* (neph)

" *glaucophyllus* "

" *Newberryi* "

Several Cuscutae etc etc.

The Scoliopter I had not  
enumerated among them to be  
figured —

The trees of which I had  
proposed to give figures are as  
follows. —

Castanea Chrysophylla Fruit. flower & leaf

Quercus longiglandis ~~Castanea~~

" *agrifolia* "

*Abies grandis* entire tree & fruit

" *nobilis* "

" *Douglasii* "

*A.* *neph* "

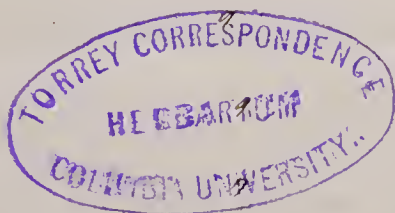
*A.* *neph* "

*A. amabilis*? *Douglasii* — "

*Larix occidentalis* "

*Cupressus McKeanensis* — "

*Juniperus occidentalis* " —





<i>Platanus Mexicana</i>	—	Whole tree
<i>Acer Macrophyllum</i>		"
<i>Sequoia gigantea</i>		"
" <i>Leupervirens</i>		"
<i>Pinus Lambertiana</i>		"
" <i>brachyptera</i>		"
" <i>Sabiniana</i>		"
" <i>flexilis</i>		"
" <i>contorta</i>		"
<i>Thuja gigantea</i>		
<i>Libocedrus decurrens</i>		

Of most of these however I proposed  
To have only wood-cuts, to grow the  
part of the tree —

I will write Dr. Andrews about  
your plants — I think I told you  
that he promised me to send you  
a series of his Sarawak ferns —

After the plants I sent you recently  
please return any duplicates which  
you desire — Yours Very Respectfully

John S. Auburn

P.S. I have recently received from Dr. Hayden  
a splendid collection of Miocene Tertiary plants,  
which I want much to show you —



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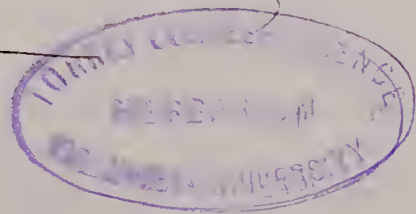
They consist of perhaps 50 species  
I think nearly all new — but as  
you have given them very little attention

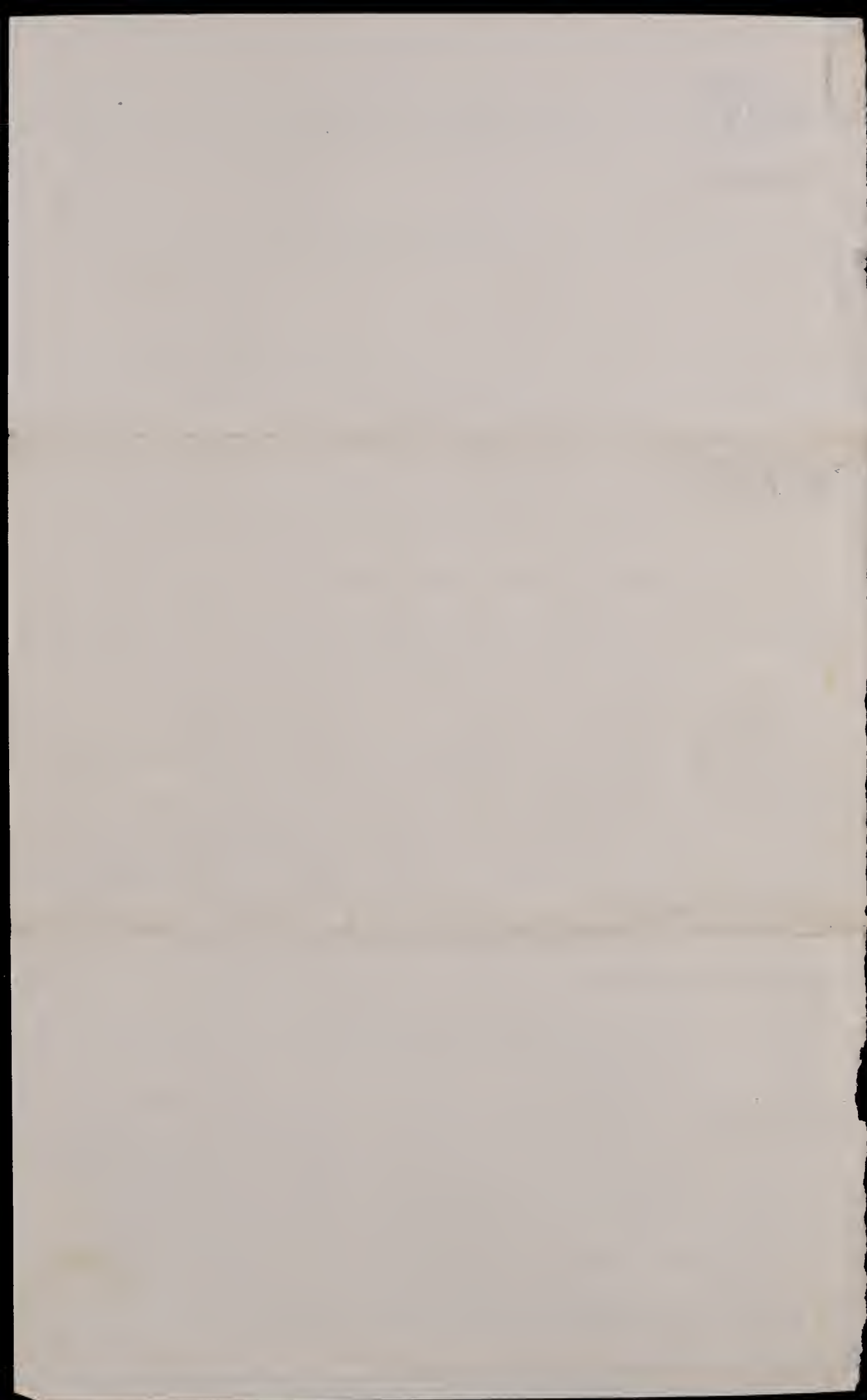
I recognize among them, a Platanus  
unlike either of the American sps.  
A Populus also new — Alnus. Betula  
etc. Thuja. Taxus. Taxodium &c  
(no Abies) — beside many things which  
I do not recognize. — Some fruits & flowers

Would you not like to take a pup  
at the botany of the American  
continent, ~~for~~ an earlier age than  
that which you have so carefully  
studied? —

If you will sometimes come  
to Washington: You shall have that  
pleasure —

Yours





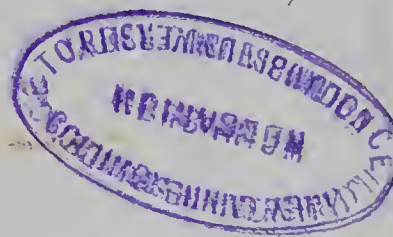
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Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, D. C. Apr 15. 1857

Prof. John Torrey

Dear Sir



I have just rec<sup>d</sup> your letter of yesterday from which it is evident that you are not fully informed of the relations which I maintain to the Mus. Dept. & the public printer. — My time is fully occupied with the duties of my Chair, and in making out my own report — and yet rather than that the reports of any of the scientific men should go to press with no connection whatever. I

told Lent Mrs. that when  
it was impossible to send  
the ~~manuscript~~ <sup>proof</sup> to the Author  
I would endeavor to correct  
some of the errors of the  
printer - if he would send  
the proofs to me - This was  
done in case of Halls. Jol  
upat. & Papyrus. Cactaceae  
and the Author may  
Thank me that these  
upat. are not absolutely  
spoiled - as they would have  
been if left to the printer

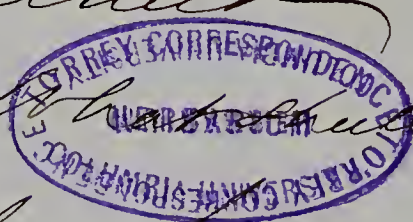
When the Author could  
be consulted. I would  
of course not consent



to assume any responsibility  
That is just all my  
connection with the ~~Wardle~~  
a proof reader -

I thought by my reading  
the first proof of your report  
- as you had written me about  
it - a clearer review - than  
<sup>would be sent you</sup>  
otherwise - and that then  
would be less probability  
of having the errors repeated,  
by making them as few as  
possible - In reading the  
proof of the signature Dr Cooper  
took the manuscript, and I  
read the proof, by which we  
thought the mistakes had  
all been strained out.  
Now for the mention

connected the 'erous indic-  
 ated. I do not know as  
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 By plan & repeat is not yet  
 struck off - I send you  
 to the to sent over who  
 will doubtless see that  
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 I do wish the plate of  
Sceloporus ?  
 Yours very truly  
 Chas. Scherborn



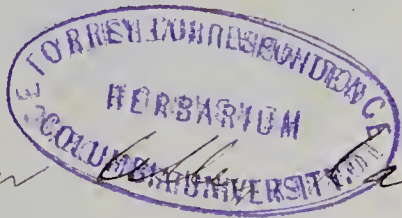
P.S. It is hardly necessary  
 to say that anything I can do for  
 myself or for the Scherborn family

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Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, D. C. Apr 22<sup>d</sup> 1857

Dear Dr. Toney



I rec<sup>d</sup> your letter last  
Evening and forward the Scoliopterus  
as you requested. You may send  
the oak directly to me if you please  
I think I would prefer the Blk oak  
as I collected it and observed  
it very fully. - While the Zechenacum  
is only found south of my range.

I have communicated to Dr. W. H. W. W.  
all your wishes in reference to the  
botanical reports - and he will  
see that they are complied with.

I very much fear that the  
appearance of the first signature  
of your report will not suit you.  
The connection made had been



is many of them concealed  
that the subject was to me  
somewhat obscure - I will  
make an effort to have another  
proof sent to you -

I have been very busy and  
have not been into the city for  
several days - but I think  
the printers are occupied in  
preparing reports -

I am rather desirous to look  
over Dr Andrews pine cones  
before my report goes to press

shall you be able to send  
them to me - I shall perhaps  
have some illustrations to my  
report but made at my  
own expense.



The plates prepared by Dr Gray  
will of course appear - and  
more of them could have been  
made if he had been willing  
to have it done. Two others of  
my new species (collected by me)  
(*Pentstemon*, etc) will not be figured.

This I regret as the money for  
that purpose ~~was~~ all ready - and  
the chance may never occur again.

Have you examined the Synonymy  
of the Yellow pine of the Western  
Country - I suspect it will appear  
something like this

*P. rigida* var.

*P. ponderosa* Dougl.

*P. brachypterus* Eng.

*P. Benthamiana*, Harney [Where  
described?]

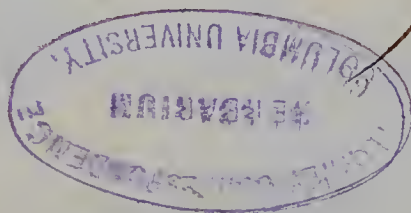
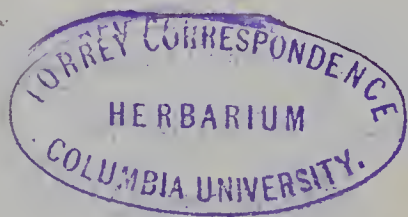
Plan given, properum not be  
subject.

Are you sure that  
P. br. & P. ponderosa  
are the same?

Abies grandis and Amabilis are  
most likely. I regret if I have ever  
seen them -

I have ~~new~~ or then very  
pretty new Conifers from the  
Cascade Mts - I wish you  
could see them - I will  
try to send you my figures -

In great haste with  
me faithfully (Yours)  
L. L. Newberry

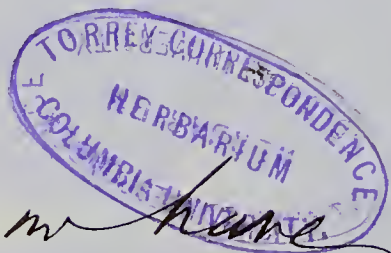


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Smithsonian Institution,

Washington, D. C. April 17 1859

Dear Dr. Torrey

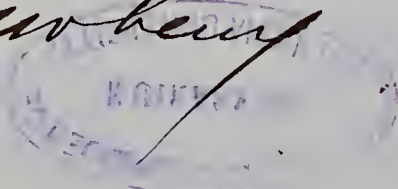


Will you have  
the kindness to forward the  
plants as soon as possible  
as I shall to use them  
in preparing your catalogue  
for the press. I may leave  
Washington within a month  
and must do for your  
botanical report all I can  
do quickly.

Very faithfully Yrs

A. S. Newberry

Ms. sent to Smithsonian





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Main body of handwritten text, consisting of several lines of cursive script. The text is written in dark ink on aged paper and appears to be a personal letter or a journal entry. The handwriting is fluid and characteristic of the 18th or 19th century.



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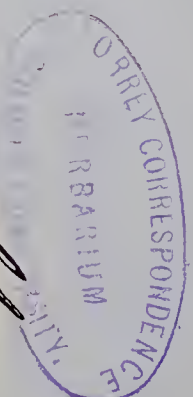
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Share. Just ahead

Max. Amos Rep. Vol. 2

His Magnificent!

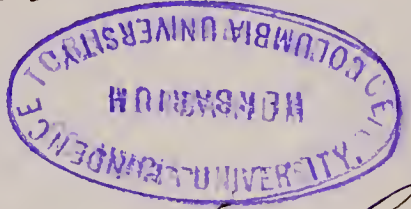
Especially the History.



Cleveland. O

Nov. 21. 1860

Dear Dr. Torrey



Can you and Dr. Gray  
take up and catalogue the  
plants which I collected on  
our last expedition, for Captain  
Macomber's report. They are  
not numerous, but some are  
I suspect quite interesting.

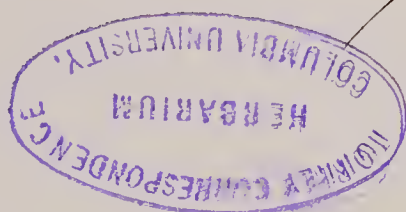
If you can attend to them  
I will have them forwarded  
by you at once.

I send you an old Catalogue  
of the plants of Ohio, recently  
published - It was printed at  
Columbus, while I was here &  
of course contains many errors  
which were noticed in the  
proof - Nelumbiacae omitted &c

If there are any plants in  
the list which you want  
I may be able to supply  
them -

Yours faithfully

J. S. Newberry

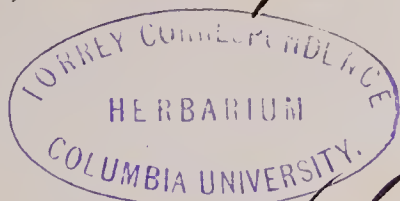




Am. Feb 15/62 U. S. Sanitary Commission,

Cleveland, February 6. 1862.

Dear Dr Torrey



I don't really believe  
that you have erased my name  
utterly and entirely from your  
books, even if you won't answer  
my letters. So I am going to  
inflict another on you, and  
shall take a still greater liberty  
of asking you good offices, or  
at least your counsel in a  
matter of selfish interest to  
myself - You can hear it -  
think it over at your leisure  
and give me your opinion  
when convenient

I am very busy as you know  
just now, looking after the  
interests of the Sanitary Com-  
at the West. - for the present  
am earning my bread, and  
doing something for the cause  
of humanity, justice, & the flag  
in the war in which we are  
engaged. When however the  
war is over, or the work of  
the Sanitary Commission is  
at an end, my occupation  
will be gone. I must look  
ahead then and see what  
I can do to put bread in my  
children's mouths after the war

is over - All that scientific  
work will I fear be long  
impended. - What can I do? -

I have recently been at New  
Haven mapping out with  
Dana through with his book  
which is now in the hands of  
the printer - Dana's health  
is such that much of the  
work he had ~~marked out~~  
for himself must be abandoned  
among other things his engagement  
to lecture at Columbia College.

At his suggestion I take  
the liberty of asking you if  
he will earnestly recommend me  
as a fit person, and perhaps the  
only available one in the country

And if that recommendation can  
be strengthened by that of Henry  
H. Bache & Agassiz, Hall, and  
most of the Scientifics - whether  
there would be any probability that  
the Trustees of Columbia College  
could be induced to give me  
a situation as teacher of  
Geology & Palaeontology. Either  
a full Professorship or a permanent  
engagement as lecturer on the terms  
offered Dana?

Suppose evidence of fitness could  
be furnished, and the influence of  
many of our scientific & literary  
notables be brought to bear on the  
Case. Would the necessity be seen  
by the Trustees of having there



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important departments represented  
in their course of education -

Please give me your honest  
opinion without fear of hurting  
my feelings if you must  
discourage any such asper-  
ations -

I may say to you in confidence  
that like an friend S. Eaton  
I should have a place at school.  
Harm if there was any money  
to pay me - On this head I have  
considerably more to say to  
but cannot with propriety write  
it - If the occasion should occur  
please ask the Silliman, Dana, Norton  
Burr Johnson &c. any questions you

please. in regard to this matter - I am<sup>6</sup>  
quite willing to trust myself in  
their hands -

Our Colorado Report is finally  
out - You will find many mis-  
prints in the Botany which if I  
had been in W. I should have  
corrected. I was compelled to  
leave the City hurried before it  
was done - and I did the only  
thing left me - engaged the best  
man I could get to look after  
it - As no proofs are <sup>sent</sup> ~~permitted~~  
~~to leave~~ <sup>out of</sup> the office. I had a carriage  
take George Gibbs every day up there  
and he looked over all that I could  
not. Baird was sitting as he had  
side of his sick wife, Schoeffler was  
busy every hour as the War Dept &  
Foreman had decided - Rich was dead  
There was no botanist in Washington

I had before that time had your  
+ D. Gays M. S. carefully copied. The  
families all placed in their proper  
relative positions, and as I thought  
the whole made clear as day  
light, Then when I was ordered  
off I engaged a man who  
is proverbially accurate. to read  
my line. This was done but  
bad mistakes, through his want  
of familiarity with the subject  
or the carelessness of the printer  
were still left in connected  
proofs.

I begged that the ~~MS~~ might  
be sent to you but. it was  
refused peremptorily.

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Part of my own report must meet  
the same fate.

The whole system of publication  
as it is, is a disgrace to our national  
reputation.

I had promised myself the  
pleasure of staying a day with  
you in my return from New Haven  
but was detained there so long  
that I was compelled to rush  
things without stopping at all.

Pardon the haste with which my  
long rambling letter has been  
written. One of my boys is very  
sick with pneumonia, and I can  
scarcely spare a moment  
from his bedside. I hope he  
is this evening a little better.  
With kind regards to the mother &  
Yours very truly  
J. M. Hewes